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[redacted] a conference was held at the office of the SED secretary Engler of the Bau Union Potsdam. The topic discussed was the recruiting of voluntary auxiliaries for the VP. The conference was attended by a VP senior lieutenant, the SED secretary of Stadsbezirk Potsdam I, four party functionaries of the Bau Union Potsdam and six members of the SED factory cell. The VP senior lieutenant stated that it was an honorary obligation for every SED member to become a voluntary VP auxiliary. Such an auxiliary had to serve for 12 hours during a month. Auxiliaries would be used for patrols in times of unrest, for special missions, and the control of motor vehicles. While on duty, they would be subject to VP disciplinary procedure. The senior lieutenant furthermore stated that the SED factory cell of Bau Union Potsdam had to make available 21 voluntary VP auxiliaries.

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Current. The establishment of an organization consisting of voluntary auxiliaries for the VP was decreed in the summer of 1952. It appears that this organization has taken on an increased importance after the events of 17 June 1953.

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